

## **ELK COUNTY - DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITATS**

### **AMERICAN BURYING BEETLE** - *Nicrophorus americanus* (Oliver)

Status: Endangered in Kansas

Endangered Nationally

All suitable habitat within Elk County. American burying beetles have been frequently found in upland grasslands or near the edge of grassland/forest. Sandy/clay loam soils and food (carion) availability are also important. The species appears to prefer loose soil in which carion can be easily buried.

### **NEOSHO MUCKET MUSSEL** - *Lampsilis rafinesqueana* Frierson, 1927

Status: Endangered in Kansas

### **WESTERN FANSHELL MUSSEL** - *Cyprogenia aberti* (Conrad, 1850)

Status: Endangered in Kansas

All reaches of the mainstem of Fall River within Elk County are designated for the Neosho mucket and western fanshell mussels.